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SUMMARY: SEVERAL CITIZENS' INITIATIVE GROUPS, LED BY THE WUB,
AND JOINED BY THE KBW, PLAN PROTEST MARCH AND DEMONSTRATION AT
PROPOSED DUEPPEL HOUSING SITE SUNDAY, AUGUST 20. MISSION HAS
COORDINATED WITH BERLIN POLICE, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION,
AND BERLIN SENAT ON DEALING WITH DEMONSTRATION. MISSION ALSO
HAS UNDER REVIEW REQUEST BY BERLIN ADMINISTRATIVE COURT TO
GRANT JURISDICTION IN CASE INVOLVING COURT CHALLENGE TO PLANNED
CONSTRUCTION FILED BY ZEHLENDORF RESIDENT. END SUMMARY

1. SEVERAL ZEHLENDORF-BASED CITIZENS' INITIATIVE GROUPS LED
BY THE WAEHLERGEMEINSCHAFT UNABHAENJGER BUEGER (WUB), HAVE
ANNOUNCED A DEMONSTRATION MARCH AGAINST THE PROPOSED US HOUSING
PROJECT AT DUEPPEL FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 20. WE HAVE FIRM
EVIDENCE THAT THE COMMUNIST UNION OF THE WEST (KBW) INTENDS TO
SEND ITS MEMBERS TO JOIN THE MARCH FROM ZEHLENDORF
RATHAUS TO THE DUEPPEL CONSTRUCTION AREA, APPROXIMATELY
TWO KILOMETERS DISTANCE. DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZERS ES-
TIMATE 500 PERSONS WILL TAKE PART. IT IS EXPECTED THAT
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THE DEMONSTRATORS WILL OCCUPY THE CONSTRUCTION SITE,
WHICH IS ONLY PARTIALLY ENCLOSED BY A WIRE MESH FENCE.

2. MISSION HAS ADVISED POLICE THAT THEY SHOULD EXERCISE RESTRAINT
AND NOT HINDER NON-VIOLENT OCCUPATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITE AND
THAT NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATORS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO
REMAIN ON THE SITE UNTIL BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION MONDAY

MORNING IF DEMONSTRATORS WISH TO DO SO. IF ANY NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATORS STILL REMAIN ON SITE EARLY MONDAY, CONSTRUCTION SITE FOREMAN WILL REQUEST POLICE TO HAVE THEM TO LEAVE THE AREA. ONLY IF DEMONSTRATORS REFUSE TO LEAVE CONSTRUCTION SITE AND/OR SEEK TO INTERFERE WITH CONSTRUCTION, WILL ANYONE BE ARRESTED. POLICE HAVE, OF COURSE, BEEN ADVISED TO ARREST ANY DEMONSTRATORS ATTEMPTING TO CAUSE DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT, PROTECTIVE FENCE, OR EXISTING STRUCTURES IN AREA. POLICE PLAN TO HAVE APPROXIMATELY 200 MEN DEDICATED TO KEEPING ORDER DURING MARCH AND ANTICIPATED OCCUPATION OF CONSTRUCTION SITE.

3. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, A LOCAL ZEHLENDORF RESIDENT HAS FILED REQUEST BEFORE BERLIN ADMINISTRATIVE COURT FOR INJUNCTION AGAINST CONSTRUCTION PENDING COURT REVIEW OF DECISION-MAKING PROCESS FOLLOWED BY BERLIN AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER GERMAN PLANNING AND BUILDING LAWS HAVE BEEN FULLY COMPLIED WITH. CONSISTENT WITH STANDARD BERLIN PRACTICE CONCERNING SUITS IN BERLIN INVOLVING THE ALLIES, ADMINISTRATIVE COURT HAS REQUESTED U.S. LEGAL ADVISER TO GRANT CONSENT TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION IN CASE. LEGAL ADVISER IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING COURT REQUEST AND EXPECTS TO REACH DECISION MIDDLE OR LATTER PART OF NEXT WEEK ONCE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CAN BE PLACED AT HIS DISPOSAL.
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4. PRESS COVERAGE OVER LAST WEEK-TO-TEN DAYS HAS BEEN MODEST BOTH IN AMOUNT AND IN TONE. PRESS HAS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON PLANS OF CITIZENS' INITIATIVE GROUPS. SENAT PRESS SPOKESMAN ISSUED STATEMENT AUGUST 17, STATING THAT SENAT SAW NO GROUNDS FOR RE-OPENING ISSUE BECAUSE GOVERNING MAYOR HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH HIGHEST U.S. AUTHORITIES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND ISSUE WAS SETTLED.

5. USCOB CONCURS.
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